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RE: Status of Proposed Revisions to ch. HFS 117, (CR-03-111) relating to fees for copies of health care records.

The existing rule that is located on the Revisor of Statutes Bureau website at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/code/hfs/hfs117.pdf> is still in effect.

The proposed revisions to HFS 117 were submitted by the Department to the legislature. After a public hearing in April 2004, the Assembly Committee on Health and the Senate Committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care requested the Joint Legislative Audit Committee to require an audit by the Legislative Audit Bureau of the costs to provide copies of health care records; determine what factors should be considered in approximating actual costs of providing copies of records; and an appropriate fee. To date, the Department has not received information that an audit has been undertaken.